

HO-1071

Michael Feeney House

1510 Grooms Lane

Private

Description:

The Michael Feeney House is located at 1510 Grooms Lane, in Woodstock in north-central Howard County, Maryland. The house is located on a generally flat lot on the southwest side of the road and faces northeast toward the road. It is a 2 ½-story, three-bay by one-bay frame structure with a rubble stone foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a northwest-southeast ridge. It has a two-story, one-bay by one-bay ell of the same materials on the rear, or southwest, set to the west, and a one-story enclosed porch on the southeast side of the ell. The northeast elevation of the first story has a door in the center bay with a three-light transom, and paired two-over-two sash to either side. The porch is three bays, with turned balusters that appear to be new replacements, turned posts, and brackets with spindles that also appear to be a recent addition. It has a wood deck and a hipped roof. The second story has three two-over-two sash. There is a central cross-gable with a semi-circular-arched two-over-two sash. Flanking the center bay at the ridge are two interior brick chimneys. The interior has symmetrical architrave with bulls-eye corner blocks.

Significance:

Lots 6 and 7 of the Benzinger tract above Woodstock, platted in 1895, were sold to Michael Feeney that same year for only \$200. In the 1900 census Michael Feeney is listed as single, 29 years old, and the head of the household, living with his parents, Patrick and Kate. Patrick Feeney worked for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which undoubtedly helped his son get a job as a telegraph operator. Not surprisingly, they chose to live along the railroad line, and the proximity to the Catholic seminary at Woodstock and numerous other Irish Catholics was probably an additional draw. No occupation is listed for Patrick Feeney; most likely, he helped to build the house for his son, which was probably commenced shortly after Michael acquired the lot. It is consistent with the other houses on what was known as Woodstock Heights, most of which were built in the period c. 1895-1905. The strong consistency is apparently not due to any prescriptive covenants or familial connections, and it is not known what builders were responsible for these houses. Most likely, their similarities are simply due to the popularity of the form in this period. Michael was still single and living with his mother in 1920 and working as a telegraph operator. He sold the house in 1921 (most likely his mother died and he had no one to help take care of the house) for \$2,400.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-1071

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Michael Feeney House

other

2. Location

street and number 1510 Grooms Lane not for publication

city, town Woodstock vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Eric Pleshko & Melissa Dann

street and number 1510 Grooms Lane telephone

city, town Woodstock state MD zip code 21163

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 3758 folio 447

city, town Ellicott City tax map 10 tax parcel 76 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1 1 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0 0 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	0 0 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0 0 objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1 1 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The northeast elevation has a raised basement with a porch covered with lattice. The first story has a door in the center bay with a three-light transom, and paired two-over-two sash to either side, with faux blinds. The porch is three bays, with turned balusters that appear to be new replacements, turned posts, and brackets with spindles that also appear to be a recent addition. It has a wood deck and a hipped roof. The second story has three two-over-two sash with faux blinds, and there is a wood box cornice with returns. There is a central cross-gable with a semi-circular-arched two-over-two sash. Flanking the center bay at the ridge are two interior brick chimneys.

The northwest elevation of the main block has a typical two-over-two sash on both the first and second stories and a semi-circular-arched two-over-two sash in the gable end. The ell is in the same plane as the main block and has a typical two-over-two sash on both the first and second stories.

The southeast elevation of the main block has two typical two-over-two sash on both the first and second stories. The southwest elevation of the main block has a typical two-over-two sash in the east bay of both the first and second stories. The modern enclosed porch covers the center bay. The southeast elevation of the ell has a typical two-over-two sash set to the east on the first and a new doorway to a cantilevered, pressure-treated wood deck set to the east on the second story.

The interior has symmetrical architrave with bulls-eye corner blocks.

There is a modern wooden shed behind the house.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1895-96

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Lots 6 and 7 of the Benzinger tract above Woodstock, platted in 1895, were sold to Michael Feeney that same year for only \$200. Both lots were an acre, and he added lot 8 at an unknown date. The house sits on lot 6, and the other lots were sold off in the late twentieth century for development. In the 1900 census Michael Feeney is listed as single, 29 years old, and the head of the household, living with his parents, Patrick and Kate. Patrick Feeney was a native of Ireland who came to the United States around the time of the Civil War. He worked for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which undoubtedly helped his son get a job as a telegraph operator. Not surprisingly, they chose to live along the railroad line, and the proximity to the Catholic seminary at Woodstock and numerous other Irish Catholics was probably an additional draw. No occupation is listed for Patrick Feeney, who had either retired, or was very close to it. Most likely, he helped to build the house for his son, which was probably commenced shortly after Michael acquired the lot. It is consistent with the other houses on what was known as Woodstock Heights, most of which were built in the period c. 1895-1905. The strong consistency is apparently not due to any prescriptive covenants or familial connections, and it is not known what builders were responsible for these houses. Most likely, their similarities are simply due to the popularity of the form in this period.

Patrick Feeney died in 1904 and Michael was still single and living with his mother in 1920 and working as a telegraph operator. He sold the house in 1921 (most likely his mother died and he had no one to help take care of the house) for \$2,400. In 1930 he was working for Woodstock College and apparently renting a room there, along with numerous other laborers and kitchen help. His old house, meanwhile, changed hands several times before being purchased by Mabel Herbert in 1931. She lived there until her death in 1953, when the property passed to the Henard family.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 A
Acreage of historical setting 3 A
Quadrangle name ~~Sykesville~~ Ellicott City

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 10, parcel 76, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

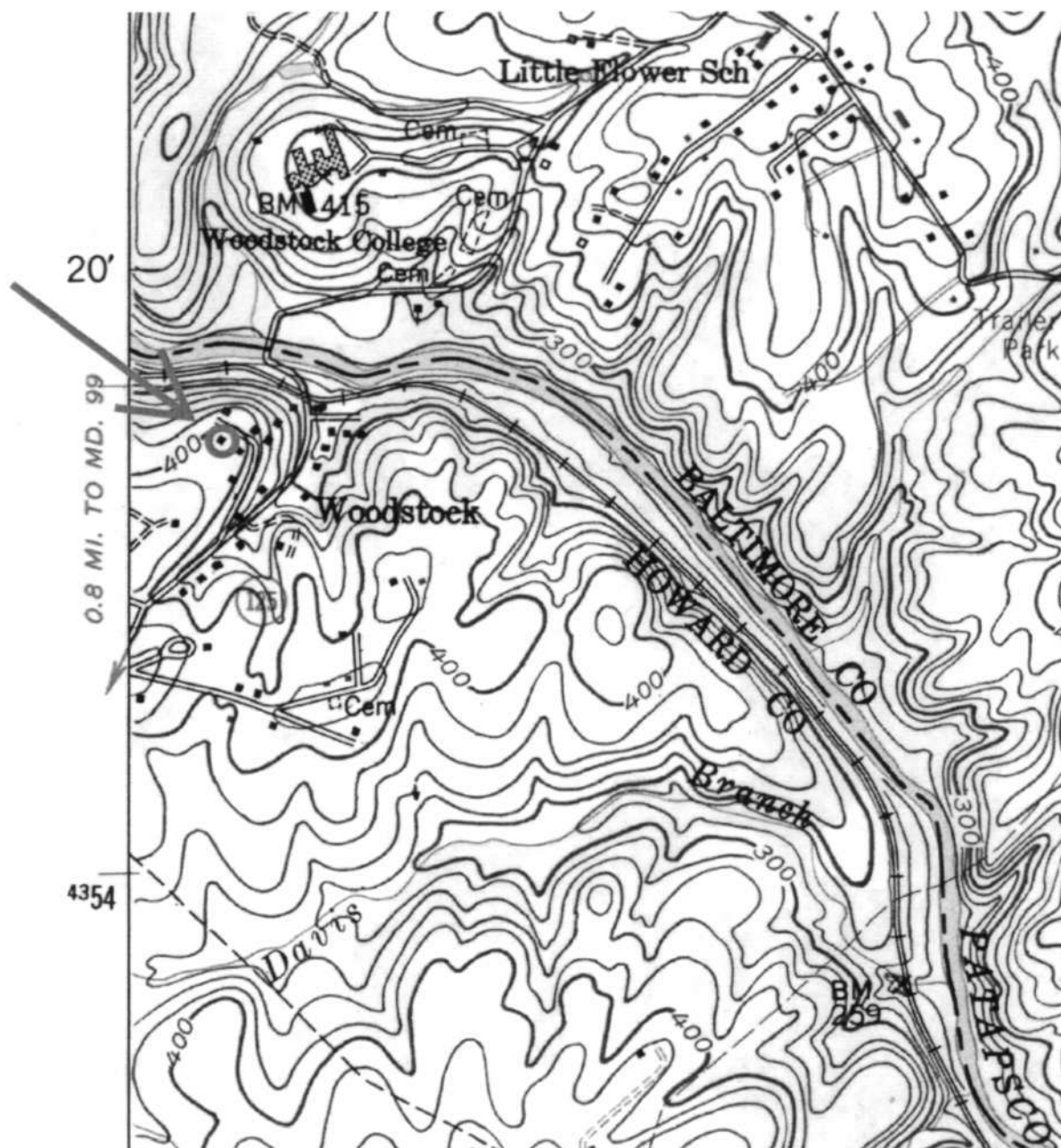
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
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city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



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Michael Feeney House
1510 Grooms Lane
Ellicott City quad

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Michael Feeney House
1510 Grooms Lane
Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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Northeast & northwest elevations



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